

Agent's Docket N. 33126-rf

1722
USSN. 09/492,755

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: ZUFFA, Zeno)
Ser. No.: 09/492,755) Group Art Unit: 1722
Filed: January 27, 2000) Examiner: LUK, EMMANUEL, S
For: DEVICE FOR MANUFACTURING PLASTIC ITEMS, ...)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231 USA

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

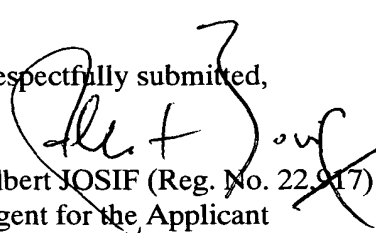
Applicant herewith encloses copies of the prior art references which have been cited in the International Search Report issued for the counterpart PCT Application which contains subject matter equivalent to that of the present application. The references submitted herewith for consideration are listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

A copy of the European Search Report (in English) is herewith provided which indicates the degree of relevancy found by the European Patent Office of each reference, so as to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3), according to the Commissioner's Comment 68, 1135 Off. gaz. Pat. Office 13,20 (Feb. 4, 1992), and as set forth in MPEP 609 part A(3).

A copy of the Annex to the International Search Report is also enclosed, which indicates the patent family members of the patent documents cited in the Search Report.

All the cited documents have been placed in the "A" category as simply technological background with respect to claims of the International Patent Application, corresponding essentially to the claims as filed originally in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,


Albert JOSIF (Reg. No. 22,917)
Agent for the Applicant

Date: June 6, 2002
Address: Via Meravigli 16, 20123 MILAN-ITALY
Telephone: (from USA) (001)(39)(02)8590-7777

Encl.: -Form PTO-1449.
-Copy of International Search Report.
-Cited references.

RECEIVED
JUN 18 2002
TC 1700